



Applies to classrooms that do not presently have RIDE CECE full or provisional approval

1. Programs may complete an optional self-assessment to determine readiness to pursue CECE approval.

ride.ri.gov/InstructionAssessment/EarlyChildhoodEducation/Programs.aspx

2. When available, the program will complete all relevant sections of the online application (shared by DCYF, BrightStars and RIDE) and indicate the intent to apply for CECE approval. Once available the online application will be accessed at <https://exceed.ri.gov>.*

3. When the online application is complete, RIDE will conduct an announced facilities visit and provide feedback on suitability of space.

4. When the facilities visit is complete the program will be given access to the “CECE Addendum” section of the online application. At that time the program can upload documents and narratives specific to CECE program-level standards.

5. Once submitted, RIDE will review documents for compliance and provide feedback. If necessary, the program will submit revisions.

6. RIDE will review revisions and order unannounced ECERS and CLASS observations for each applicant classroom. Programs may request that a recent ECERS score be considered in place of a new observation when: the ECERS observation was done on behalf of RIDE or BrightStars; the observation was completed within 30 months of submitting complete application and addendum materials; the same teaching team is located in the same classroom; and the ECERS score is 4.5 or above.

7. RIDE will conduct an unannounced site visit to assess compliance with classroom-level standards. The site visit includes staff interviews and document reviews.

8. RIDE will complete a summary report and recommendation and the Commissioner will issue an approval decision.

See appendices to the 2013 CECE Standards for a detailed application and review timeline and information describing how applications are assessed.

*Programs are encouraged to wait until the launch of the online application to submit applications for CECE initial approval. If you wish to apply sooner or have questions about the application and review process contact:

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